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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Algeria*, Bahrain*, Bangladesh, Cuba, Indonesia, Kuwait*, Lebanon*, Madagascar*, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco*, Oman*, Pakistan, Qatar*, Saudi Arabia*, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Yemen: draft resolution

Situation of human rights in southern Lebanon

The Commission on Human Rights,

Gravely concerned by the persisting practices of the Israeli occupation forces in southern Lebanon, which constitute a violation of the principles of international law regarding the protection of human rights, in particular the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as a grave violation of the relevant provisions of international humanitarian law as contained in the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, and the Hague Convention IV of 1907,

Recalling its deep regret at the failure of Israel to implement Security Council resolutions 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978 and 509 (1982) of 6 June 1982,

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Denouncing the repeated Israeli aggression in southern Lebanon, particularly the Israeli attack on the south and the west Bekaa in July 1993, which caused a large number of deaths and injuries and the displacement of hundreds of thousands of inhabitants, as well as the destruction of several houses, hospitals, schools and public buildings,

Reaffirming that the continued occupation and the practices of the Israeli forces constitute a violation of the resolutions of the Security Council as well as of the will of the international community and the conventions in force in this respect,

Hoping that the steps and efforts dedicated to attaining peace in the Middle East will put an end to Israeli violations of human rights in southern Lebanon, and that the peace negotiations will proceed to settle the Middle East conflict and achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the region,

Gravely concerned by the impeding of the International Committee of the Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations from accomplishing their humanitarian mission in the occupied area of southern lebanon, in particular to ascertain reports of ill-treatment of detainees in the detention centres of Khiam and Marjeyoun,

Reaffirming its resolution 1993/67 of 10 March 1993, and expressing its deep regret at the failure of Israel to implement this resolution,

1. Condemns the continued Israeli violations of human rights in southern Lebanon, manifested particularly by the arbitrary detention of civilians, the destruction of their houses, the confiscation of their property, their expulsion from the occupied area, the bombardment of villages and civilian areas, and other practices violating human rights;

2. Calls upon Israel to put an end immediately to such practices and to implement the relevant resolutions of the Security Council which demand the immediate, total and unconditional withdrawal of Israel from all Lebanese territories and respect for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Lebanon;

3. Also calls upon the Government of Israel, the occupying Power of territories in southern Lebanon and the west Bekaa, to comply with the Geneva

Conventions of 1949, specifically the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War;

4. Further calls upon the Government of Israel, the occupying Power of territories in southern Lebanon and the west Bekaa, to release immediately all the Lebanese and other prisoners detained in the Israeli prisons and detention centres contrary to all the Geneva Conventions and to international law;

5. Calls upon the Government of Israel, the occupying Power of territories in southern Lebanon and the west Bekaa, to facilitate the humanitarian mission of the International Committee of the Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations in that region and, in particular, to allow these organizations to visit the detention centres of Khiam and Marjeyoun and verify the living conditions of the detainees;

6. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To bring the present resolution to the attention of the Government of Israel and to invite it to provide information concerning the extent of its implementation thereof;

(b) To report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session and to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-first session on the results of his efforts in this regard;

7. Decides to continue its consideration of the situation of human rights in southern Lebanon at its fifty-first session.